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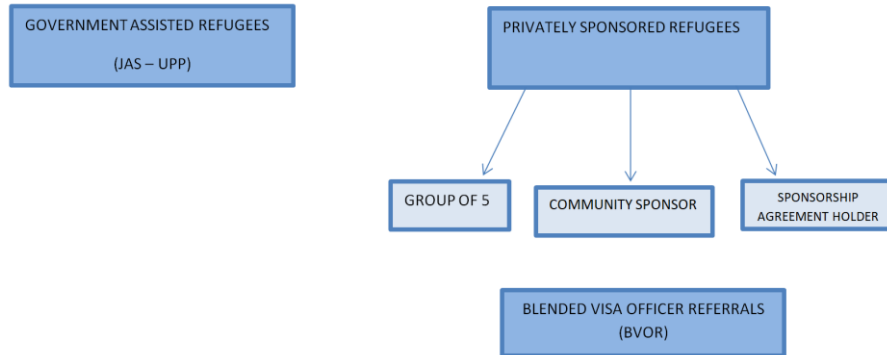
CANADA'S REFUGEE SYSTEM

The Canadian Refugee System has two main parts:

1. Refugee Humanitarian Resettlement Program, for people who need protection from outside Canada
2. In – Canada Asylum Program for people making refugee protection claims from within Canada

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Canada's Refugee and Humanitarian Resettlement Program



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Overview of Canada's Resettlement Programs

	Government Assisted Refugee Program	Private Sponsor of Refugees Program
Referred to IRCC by:	UNHCR or a referral organization	Private Sponsors
Financially funded for one year by:	IRCC through the Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP)	Private Sponsors
Settlement Support for one year by:	Resettlement Assistance Program	Private Sponsors

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Resettlement Assistance Program:

- Under **RAP**, the Government of Canada or Province of Quebec helps GARs with essential services and income support once they are in Canada (2 main components of the program).
- Income support, administered by IRCC, can be provided for up to 12 months for GARs.
- Immediate and essential services are delivered by Service Provider Organizations (SPOs), generally within the first 4-6 weeks of a newcomer's arrival in Canada.

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Resettlement Assistance Program: Wesley Urban Ministries

- Our Reception House was opened in October 2013, at 52 Catharine St N. in Hamilton
- Services include:
 - Temporary accommodation is provided several weeks
 - orientation about life in the community, financial orientations, introduction to rights and responsibilities,
 - assistance with securing permanent accommodation, opening bank accounts, obtaining official documents, (i.e. Social Insurance Number),
 - linking GARs to federal and provincial programs (i.e. health insurance, and Child Tax Benefit, etc.)
 - conducting Needs Assessments and providing referrals to other settlement programs and services.



Access to Services: RAP services are delivered to Government Assisted Refugees within 4-6 weeks upon arrival in Hamilton.

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How to Identify and Find Various Services

When making a private sponsorship application, a settlement plan is required that outlines what settlement services the refugee applicants will access.

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<p>As sponsors, you must register the refugees for settlement activities (language training, finding a job, etc.). Indicate which immigrant settlement agencies are available and accessible to the refugees and what services they offer:</p>

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<p>3. a) Which immigrant settlement assistance agencies will the refugee applicant(s) likely access?</p>
<p>b) Have you contacted these agencies for information on available services?</p>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No ▶ Specify: <input type="text"/></p>

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How to Identify and Find Various Services continued

Settlement services funded by IRCC are available to all permanent residents (PRs) and protected persons, including privately sponsored refugees.

Settlement Services IRCC funded for PSRs:

- Language Assessment and Language Training
- Needs Assessment and Referrals
- Information and orientation sessions
- Employment related services
- Community Connections

PSRs become **permanent residents** when they arrive in Canada. They can get the same government funded settlement services as other PRs.

A list of IRCC-funded settlement services across Canada can be found at:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/newcomers/map/services.asp>

<http://www.rstp.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Responsibilities-of-Sponsorship-Groups-Availability-of-IRCC-Resettlemen....pdf>

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How to Identify and Find Various Services continued

Map of destination communities and service provider organizations

- Communities welcoming Syrian refugees
- Resettlement Assistance Program communities
- Service Provider Organizations

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/refugees/welcome-syrian-refugees/destination-communities-map.html>

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How to Identify and Find Various Services continued

Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration:

Provides services to help integrate newcomers and refugees, supports not-for-profit community organizations and promotes greater social inclusion, community engagement and recognition among all Ontarians through provincial funding.

One of the MCI programs is the **Newcomer Settlement Program** where the Ministry works to help newcomers integrate successfully and become fully engaged in the social, cultural, civic and economic life of Ontario through the provision of targeted quality services.

Find government-funded community services to help you settle and integrate into Ontario's society and economy:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/services-newcomers-and-refugees>

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OTHER RESOURCES

HAMILTON NEWCOMER SERVICES QUICK GUIDE:

http://hamiltonimmigration.ca/sites/default/files/docs/english-service_providers_guide-may_31_2016.pdf

SETTLEMENT.ORG

<https://settlement.org/>

<https://settlement.org/o2o>

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES: 211

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Wesley Urban Ministries is a multi-service charitable non profit organization with program areas including Children, Youth and Family Services, Housing and Homeless Services, Neighbourhood and Newcomer Services.

Our Vision

- Wesley Urban Ministries has a vision of community, where justice and compassion guide the way we live, where all members are treated with respect and dignity.

Our Mission

- Decrease Barriers by developing and delivering programs that address the needs of people who are marginalized.
- Increase Opportunities by providing services that help individuals to achieve their full potential.
- Be a model and catalyst for social transformation.

Values

Compassion Respect Responsiveness Stewardship

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